

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 04-168

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 15, 2005, Northern Utilities, Inc. – Pelham Division (Northern), filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariffs providing for its Winter Cost of Gas (COG) for the period November 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005.

The proposed COG rate is \$1.1597 per therm, compared to an average weighted COG rate of \$1.0441 per therm for last winter, an increase of \$0.1156 per therm.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 relative to rates, forecasting of sales; supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past winter supplies, the causes and treatment of substantial over and under recoveries, and the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Northern shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 25, 2004, in a newspaper with statewide circulation or of general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted,

publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 19, 2004; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Northern and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 14, 2004, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 19, 2004.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-first day of September, 2004.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary

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